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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: John F. Schunhoff, Ph.D.

SUBJECT: **UPDATE ON GLENDALE HEALTH CENTER REQUEST
FOR STATEMENT OF INTEREST**

On October 7, 2008, the Board of Supervisors approved a motion directing the Department of Health Services (Department or DHS) to proceed with an assessment to establish a public private partnership for primary care provided at Glendale Health Center (GHC). On December 19, 2008, the Department released a Request for Statement of Interest (RFSI) to Identify Agencies Interested in Providing Primary Care to Patients Receiving Services at GHC.

Five agencies responded to the RFSI: All For Health, Health for All, Inc. (AFH), Asian Pacific Health Care Venture, Inc. (APHCV), Community Health Alliance of Pasadena (CHAP), Comprehensive Community Health Centers (CCHC), and URDC Human Services Corporation. All five agencies were determined to meet the minimum requirements. Negotiation meetings with each agency began in early 2009.

The Department initially explored options to enter into an agreement with an agency to provide primary care services at GHC. Two agencies submitted space renovation plans and cost estimates for GHC. The timeline, cost, and disruption to patients made this solution unfeasible. DHS then continued negotiations with three agencies (AFH, APHCV, and CCHC) which have clinic sites that are the most geographically accessible for the GHC patient population. CHAP and URDC were determined to have clinic sites that were not geographically accessible to GHC patients and were informed that negotiations would not continue.

Through the RFSI, the Department was seeking to identify agencies that could provide the geographical access, capacity, and cultural and linguistic capabilities needed to serve Glendale Health Center patients. The complement of all three agencies (AFH, APHCV, and CCHC) met these criteria. However, DHS was recently informed that one of the agencies was withdrawing from negotiations to focus its agency efforts on other priority areas. As a result, the Department is in the process of cancelling the RFSI and has suspended efforts to establish a public private partnership. The participation of all three agencies was central to forming a successful partnership to serve Glendale Health Center patients. Therefore, DHS will continue to provide primary care services at Glendale Health Center.

The potential for new public private partnerships, including partnerships for Glendale Health Center, will be considered as DHS plans for the design of the ambulatory care system as contemplated in the HMA report ("Evaluation of the Office of Managed Care of the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services") and consistent with the next 1115 Wavier and implementation of federal health care reform. Any new partnerships, if recommended, would be subject to further action by your Board.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please let me know.

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